

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-18 are active in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to delete 1,2,3-triazole and 1,2,4-triazole from the Markush group of compounds of component (D).

Claims 3-18 are new claims. Support for new Claims 3-12 is found in original Claim 1.

Support for new Claims 12-14 is found on page 4, lines 15-21. Support for new Claim 15 is found in Example 1. Support for new Claim 16 is found throughout the specification.

Support for new Claim 17 is found on page 1, lines 7-9. Support for new Claim 18 is found on page 2, lines 9-13.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS

Independent Claim 1 is amended herein to remove the compounds 1,2,3-triazole and 1,2,4-triazole from the Markush groups of original Claim 1.

Applicants submit that amended Claim 1 is novel and not obvious in view of the prior art relied upon by the Office. The prior art relied upon by the Office does not disclose flame retardant silicon compositions containing at least one component of the group of components (D) recited in present Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and the passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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